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your possessions may be you should  
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business in the state.

The Handwriting on the Wall.  
The handwriting is on the wall in  
plain sight of everybody. It matters  
little whether the president's recom-  
mendation in regard to federal regula-  
tion of railroad rates or Commissioner  
Garfield's recommendation of federal  
licenses for interstate corporations are  
enacted at this session or not, or whether  
they present the best solution possi-  
ble for the corporation problem. This  
thing is certain, that they are a dis-  
closure of the inevitable to the corpora-  
tion world.

Surely, and not slowly, is this coun-  
try progressing more and more toward  
centralization of power in the federal  
government, and surely, and not slowly,  
is public opinion favoring this central-  
ization as the only practicable  
method for the control of the corpora-  
tions. Those who are at the head of  
the great corporations may use all of  
their power of money and influence,  
may call into exercise the ingenuity of  
the ablest lawyers of the country, and  
may even resort to political corruption  
to prevent this result, but at most they  
can only delay the consummation of  
the desire of the people. Their better,  
their more politic course would be to  
accept the inevitable in a philosophic  
and patriotic spirit, and endeavor to  
adjust their business to the new con-  
ditions thus created. Such a policy  
would be better for them and better  
for the country. It would avoid also  
the bitterness which such a struggle  
would engender, and would be apt to  
save the corporations from measures  
which would be unjust, because inspired  
by a spirit of revenge.

It is plain to be seen, of course, that  
there are great possibilities of evil in  
the concentration of power in the fed-  
eral government which is involved in  
the government regulation of rates and  
in the government control of interstate  
corporations. Probably no other acts  
would tend more to diminish the au-  
thority of the states and to weld the  
country into a concrete whole than  
these two measures. They would put  
immense power in the hands of those  
in control of the government. This  
would open up possibilities of abuses  
and corruption and perhaps even im-  
perialism. But power is always dan-  
gerous, and yet there must be power  
somewhere if there is to be order and  
civilization. The only question is  
where that power should be located.  
It is better that the control of the cor-  
porations and the railroads should be  
left unrestricted in the hands of the  
individuals who own them, with the  
opportunity to exercise this immense  
power over the people without any di-  
rect responsibility to the people? Is it  
better that the regulation of the cor-  
porations should be left to the forty-  
five different states, with their forty-  
five different laws, their forty-five dif-  
ferent systems? Or is it better that  
this power should be lodged in the  
hands of the representatives of the  
whole people in the government at  
Washington, these representatives hav-  
ing a direct responsibility to the people  
and subject at regular intervals to the  
ability of being overthrown by the vote  
of the people? The people appear to  
have made a choice of these three dif-  
ferent policies. They are in favor of  
federal regulation. That is the hand-  
writing on the wall. —New York Wall  
Street Journal.

A \$30,000 Report.  
The highest priced note taking on  
record is that of "The Reporter Who  
Became President," of whom Frederic  
Irland writes in the January McClure's.  
The reporter was James Madison, and  
his MS., for which the United States,  
after his death, paid the sum of \$30,000  
contains the only account of speeches  
of the makers of our constitution at the  
Philadelphia convention of 1787. These  
speeches (not meant for publication)  
are the most important ever made upon  
our soil. Many interesting facts, never  
before printed, are told concerning the  
MS. in Mr. Irland's article.

The Cost of a Modern Hotel.  
One of these hotels cost seven million  
dollars.  
The decoration of its royal suite of  
six rooms cost seventy-five thousand  
dollars.  
The plant to filter the air cost three  
hundred thousand dollars.  
The tulip-wood bed from the old  
French chateau cost ten thousand dol-  
lars, and so did the piano which adorns  
the adjoining reception room.  
The solid silver fittings for each bath  
room in the hotel cost twelve hundred  
dollars.  
The paintings, marbles and bronzes  
which decorate the house represent an  
expenditure of half a million; and, on  
the other hand, each door knob in the  
hotel cost ten dollars.  
The daily amount of money spent for  
flowers is at least five hundred dollars.  
—January Woman's Home Companion.

A Costly Mistake.  
Hundreds are sometimes very expen-  
sive. Occasionally life itself is the  
price of a mistake, but you'll never be  
wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life  
Pills for dyspepsia, indigestion, head-  
ache, liver or bowel troubles. They  
are gentle yet thorough. See at H. C.  
Miller's drug store.

## Christmas has come and gone, but we are still On the Square with an up-to-date line of Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gents' Furnishings

## Shoes That Fit Shoes That Wear

## Mr. Snow is in Town, but don't let him give you the cold feet Come our way and let us sell you Warm Shoes

If from us  
they are right  
**Thomas Bros.**  
On the  
Square

### Condensed News

The work of laying pipe from the  
Standard Oil Co.'s wells in the Indian  
Territory to the refineries at Long Is-  
land City will soon be begun. The line  
will be 2,000 miles long.

The Hon. James P. Eagle, former  
governor of Arkansas, and well known  
throughout the south, especially in  
Baptist circles, died at Little Rock,  
aged sixty-seven years.

Gen. Wood, commanding the depart-  
ment of Mindanao, in the Philippines,  
says in his annual report that the  
troops of his department have been in  
the field a great portion of the year,  
quelling armed uprisings and repress-  
ing the slave trade and other abuses.

Eugene Zimmermann denies that he  
and his associates have bought control  
of the Detroit Southern. He says that  
he has an interest in the road which he  
has held for a long time. He does not  
believe that Cincinnati, Hamilton and  
Dayton will buy it because the two are  
parallel lines.

Armor plate manufactured by the  
Midvale Steel Co. has passed success-  
ful government tests, and it is now  
stated that this company will compete  
with the Carnegie and Bethlehem com-  
panies for government contracts  
amounting to about 6,000 tons at the  
present time, and averaging about  
16,000 tons per annum.

Positive assertion is made that the  
Standard Oil interests have no inten-  
tion of instituting action for criminal  
libel or any other proceeding against  
Thomas W. Lawson, his publishers,  
the Ridgeway-Thayer Co., or the  
American News Co., because of any-  
thing that has thus far been embodied  
in the "Frenzied Finance" articles.

A Herald Washington despatch says  
that President Roosevelt is very much  
dissatisfied with the proposition of  
state leaders to carry over the railroad  
rate legislation to another congress,  
and that he has renewed his campaign  
for immediate action. He is inclined  
to use the full power of the adminis-  
tration in this effort. The president  
left no doubt in the minds of his visi-  
tors that he considered this the burning  
question of the hour, and that the nec-  
essity of legislation at the present ses-  
sion was altogether paramount in con-  
gress. Attorney General Moody is  
drawing up a bill to be presented. The  
report of the industrial commission,  
which spent nearly four years investi-  
gating the rate question, is the most  
important "climber" in the hands of the  
administration.

A Pleasant Pill.  
No pill is as pleasant and positive as  
DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's  
Little Early Risers are so mild and ef-  
fective that children, delicate ladies  
and weak people enjoy their cleansing  
effect, while strong people say they are  
the best liver pill sold. Sold by H. C.  
Miller, druggist.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchings  
of the skin or any sort instantly re-  
lieved, permanently cured. Doan's  
Ointment. At any drug store.

The hearing in the case of Senator  
Reed Smoot has been continued until  
January 10. On that date evidence  
will be taken for the respondent, coun-  
sel for the protesters, having conclud-  
ed the examination of all persons who  
could be reached by subpoenas issued  
by the senate committee.

### The American Circus.

W. R. Andrews, of Grand Rapids,  
Mich., at a recent toast, got off the fol-  
lowing appeal to the Filipinos:  
"You Filipinos don't know what you  
are missing by not wanting to become  
citizens of this grand country of ours.  
There isn't anything like it under the  
sun. You ought to send a delegation  
over to see us—the land of the free—  
land of free churches and 40,000 licen-  
sed saloons; bibles, forte and guns,  
houses of prostitution; millionaires and  
paupers; theologians and thieves;  
liberalists and liars; politicians and por-  
try; Christians and chain gangs;  
schools and sealwags; trusts and  
tramps; money and misery; homes and  
hunger; virtue and vice; a land where  
you can get a good bible for fifteen  
cents and a bad drink of whiskey for  
five cents; where we have a man in  
congress with three wives and a lot in  
the penitentiary for having two wives;  
where some men make sausage out of  
their wives and some want to eat them  
raw; where we make bolognas out of  
dogs, canned beef out of horses and  
sick cows, and corpses out of the peo-  
ple who eat it; where we put a man in  
jail for not having the means of support  
and on the rock pile for asking for a  
job of work; where we license bawdy  
houses and fine men for preaching  
Christ on the street corners; where we  
have a congress of 400 men who make  
laws, and a supreme court of nine men  
who set them aside; where good whis-  
ky makes bad men and bad men make  
good whiskey; where newspapers are  
paid for suppressing the truth, and  
made rich for teaching a lie; where pro-  
fessors draw their convictions from the  
same place they do their salaries; where  
preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to  
dodge the devil and tickle the ears of  
the wealthy; where business consists  
of getting hold of property in any way  
that won't land you in the penitentiary;  
where trusts 'hold up' and poverty  
'holds down'; where men vote for what  
they do not want for fear they won't  
get what they do want by voting for it;  
where 'niggers' can vote and women  
can't; where a girl who goes wrong is  
made an outcast and her male partner  
flourishes as a gentleman; where wo-  
men wear false hair and men 'dock'  
their horses' tails; where the political  
wire-puller has displaced the patriotic  
statesman; where men vote for a thing  
one day and cuss it 364 days; where we  
have prayers on the floor of our Nation-  
al Capitol and whiskey in the cellar;  
where we spend \$500 to bury a states-  
man who is rich and \$10 to bury a  
working man who is poor; where to be  
virtuous is to be lonesome and to be  
honest is to be a crank; where we sit  
on the safety-valve of energy and pull  
wide open the throttle of conscience;  
where gold is substance—the one thing  
sought for; where we pay \$15,000 for a  
dog and 15 cents a dozen to a poor wo-  
man for making shirts; where we teach  
the 'untutored' Indian eternal life from  
the bible and kill him off with bad  
whiskey; where we put a man in jail  
for stealing a loaf of bread and in con-  
gress for stealing a railroad; where the  
check-book talks, sin walks in broad  
daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs  
amuck, corruption permeates our whole  
social and political fabric, and the devil  
laughs from every street corner. Come  
to us, Filipinos! We've got the greatest  
aggregation of good things and bad  
things, hot things and cold things, all  
sizes, varieties and colors, ever exhib-  
ited under one tent."

### The Coreless Apple.

The coreless apple has at last been  
produced. It is regarded as "the  
world's greatest discovery in horticul-  
ture," and in fruit-growing circles is  
called "the wonder of the age." If  
the fruit is of high quality, of good  
saleable size and color, and a late keep-  
er, then it will revolutionize the com-  
mercial apple-growing industries ev-  
erywhere. If it is not a full-sized ap-  
ple, then, despite the fact that it pos-  
sesses one-fourth more solid flesh than  
the seedly apple of equal proportions, it  
can not be expected to supersede such  
mammoth though seedly varieties as  
the Blenheim Orange, Golden Noble,  
Bismarck or Peasgood's Nonsuch.

THE FLAVOR UNQUESTIONED.  
The flavor of the coreless apple is be-  
yond question. If it proves as large as  
its rivals, trees producing the new  
wonder, which is a winter variety, will  
be planted by the million in the com-  
mercial fruit fields at home and abroad.  
Even if the seedless apple justified all  
that has been said by its best friends  
in its praise, there is little likelihood  
of its impeding the profitable sale of  
ordinary apples of high grade. Its in-  
troduction would, however, ruin the  
sale of common out-of-date varieties of  
fruit, and insure the destruction of  
millions of worn out, moss-covered, and  
profitless trees, which for years have  
enumbered thousands of acres of some  
of the richest and most productive land  
in Great Britain. In that sense the  
coming of the coreless apple would do  
untold good to many landowners, cul-  
tivators, and public consumers com-  
bined.

### A Blossomless Tree.

The tree is described as blossomless,  
the only thing resembling a blossom  
being a small cluster of tiny green  
leaves, which grow around the newly  
formed apple and shelter it. Being  
devoid of blossoms it is claimed that  
the fruit offers no effective hiding place  
in which the codlin moth may lay its  
eggs, which it usually does in the open  
eye of the fruit.

### THE CODLIN MOTH.

The devastations of the codlin moth  
are so extensive that in the aggregate  
they cause losses in Great Britain, the  
Continent and the United States ex-  
ceeding \$5,000,000 a year. In some  
English counties it has been known the  
apple crop to be reduced over 50 per cent  
by the voracious grub of this pest. I  
am not in strict agreement with the  
producer of the new apple when he  
claims absolute immunity from the  
ravages of the codlin moth on account  
of the lack of blossoms making it al-  
most impossible for the pest to deposit  
its eggs in the eye of the apple. In my  
tests I proved conclusively that, the  
eggs are sometimes laid on the skin of  
the apple also.

### STATISTICS OF APPLE CULTURE.

Apple culture is more important even  
than orange culture. In the United  
States there are 200,000 apple trees  
in bearing from which 250,000,000  
bushels of fruit are annually harvested.  
In ten years these trees will give a  
yield of 400,000,000 bushels. At the  
present time the apple consumption of  
the United States is 80 lbs. per head of  
the population per year. By bushel  
measure the American apple crop is  
four times greater than the entire  
wheat yield of Great Britain and Ire-  
land. Billions of apple trees are grown  
in the orchards of the world, and mil-  
lions of them are still being planted

each year. The apple imports of Great  
Britain alone range between 4,500,000  
cwt. and 5,000,000 cwt. In addition, I  
estimate the census of our apple trees  
at 20,000,000.

There are now 2,000 coreless trees  
available for propagation to supply the  
orchards of the world. It is estimated  
that by 1906, 2,500,000 of these trees  
will be put upon the market. For do-  
mestic use a coreless apple will com-  
mend itself to every homemaker in the  
country. For evaporating purposes it  
would prove invaluable.—Sampson  
Morgan in the Nineteenth Century.

### Gov. Taylor an Apostle of Sunshine.

The conclusion seems to have been  
definitely reached by former Gov.  
Robert L. Taylor to make Nashville  
his home, his residence there to begin  
in the spring, and that his business  
will be that of a magazine publisher.  
He will also become one of the active  
managers of the Rice lecture bureau,  
of which he has been president since  
its organization.

The magazine venture is to be  
launched March 1, the details of which  
are not yet complete, though the genial  
ex-governor says his new publication  
will be an organ of happiness for the  
people, so that as they read it they can  
sing, "There's Sunshine in My Soul  
Today."

When the governor was asked if  
there was any political significance at-  
tached to his removal to Nashville he  
replied that there was not and added:  
"My aspirations lie in happier fields  
than politics, but I am like the fellow  
who swore off from drinking, but who  
took a bottle of Tennessee liquor home  
with him for medicinal purposes. He  
gave it to his wife to put away saying  
to her, 'If I get sick and the doctor  
prescribes whiskey and I refuse to take  
it, darling, make me take it.'"

### Speaking to a reporter about his re- cent lecture tour, the governor said:

"I closed my lecture season before  
the holidays at Canton, O., last Friday  
night. I spoke to 3,000 people, and I  
never had a warmer reception or a more  
delightful audience in my life. I op-  
ened my speech at Canton this way:  
'When I was a young man in my twen-  
ties I sat in the congress of the United  
States with a young man from Ohio.  
His hair was as black as a raven's wing  
and the stars in his eyes prophesied  
his future glory. His name was Wil-  
liam McKinley. The years rolled on  
and he was governor of Ohio, at the  
same time I was governor of Tennes-  
see. The years rolled on and he be-  
came president of the United States,  
while I was again the governor of Ten-  
nessee. When he made his call for  
volunteers for the Spanish-American  
war, Tennessee was one of the first  
states in the union to put her full quota  
in the field.

"When the angels took William  
McKinley I was in a town away down  
south in Dixie, and I saw old confeder-  
ate veterans standing on the street  
corners weeping as their children  
marched by on their way to the mem-  
orial services, singing, 'Nearer, My  
God, to Thee.' It is such spirits as  
his alone that can wipe out sectional  
lines and cement our country forever."

### Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing  
their ears against the continual rec-  
ommendation of Dr. King's New Dis-  
covery for Consumption, will have a  
long bitter fight with their troubles, if  
not ended earlier by fatal termination.  
Read what T. B. Beall, of Beall, Miss.,  
has to say: "Last fall my wife had a  
very symptom of consumption. She  
took Dr. King's New Discovery after  
everything else had failed. Improve-  
ment came at once and four bottles en-  
tirely cured her." Guaranteed by H.  
C. Miller, druggist. Price 50c. and \$1.  
Trial bottles free.

How would you punctuate this sen-  
tence?" asked the teacher of grammar  
and rhetoric:  
"As John opened the book three  
five-dollar bills evidently placed there  
by his cousin fluttered out from be-  
tween the pages and were caught up  
by the breeze."

"I think, professor, if you would al-  
low me, I should first make a dash  
after the bills," said the pupil.

### RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good  
Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.  
Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—  
I think it is only right that I should  
tell you what a wonderful effect Cham-  
berlain's Cough Remedy has produced.  
The day before Easter I was so dis-  
tressed with a cough and cold that I  
did not think to be able to take any  
duties the next day, as my voice was  
almost choked by the cough. The  
same day I received an order from you  
for a bottle of your cough remedy. I at  
once procured a sample bottle and took  
about three doses of the medicine. To  
my great relief the cough and cold had  
completely disappeared and I was able  
to preach three times on Easter Day.  
I know that this rapid and effective  
cure was due to your Cough Remedy.  
I make this testimonial without solici-  
tation, being thankful to have found  
such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours,  
E. A. LANGFORD,  
Rector of St. Luke's Church.

This remedy is for sale by H. C.  
Miller, druggist.

### A MATTER OF HEALTH



## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure  
HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Goshall—As far as I can see, Mrs.  
Chadwick's whole trouble results from  
one mistake.

Hemlock—What is that?  
Goshall—She neglected to get incor-  
porated under the laws of New Jersey.  
—Cleveland Leader.

### NATURE TELLS YOU.

As Many a Johnson City Read-  
er Knows too Well.

When the kidneys are sick,  
Nature tells you all about it.  
The urine is nature's calendar.  
Infrequent or too frequent action.  
Any urinary trouble tells of kidney  
ills.

Doan's Kidney Pills cures all kidney  
ills.

Johnson City people testify to this.  
F. P. Baxter, manager for the K. P.  
Jones Lumber Co., who lives on Wal-  
nut street, says: "For a long time off  
and on I was troubled with a backache  
which at times became worse than an  
annoyance. The kidney secretions  
were frequent and unnatural. I used  
various remedies but derived little or  
no benefit. Learning of Doan's Kid-  
ney Pills I got a box at the store of  
Patton Drug Co. and have been great-  
ly benefited by the few doses that I  
have so far. The beneficial effects of  
the treatment have been so marked that  
I do not hesitate to recommend them  
to my friends."

For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents.  
Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.,  
sole agents for the United States.  
Remember the name, Doan's, and  
take no substitute.

"Neglected colds make fat grave-  
yards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine  
Syrup helps men and women to a hap-  
py, vigorous old age.

### Non-Resident Notice.

In the Chancery Court at Johnson City,  
Washington County, Tenn.

Wilbur L. Clark, Complainant,  
vs.  
Lena R. Clark, Defendant.

It appearing from the bill filed in  
this cause, which is sworn to, that the  
defendant, Lena R. Clark, is a non-  
resident of the State of Tennessee: It  
is therefore ordered that said defend-  
ant enter her appearance herein at a  
court to be held on the first Monday  
in January next (1905) at the office of  
the clerk and master in Johnson City,  
Tenn., and plead, answer, or demur to  
complainant's bill, or the same will be  
taken for confessed as to her and set  
for hearing ex parte, and that a copy  
of this order be published for four  
consecutive weeks in The Comet.  
This December 7th, 1904.  
E. A. SHIPLEY, C. & M.  
By S. E. MILLER, D. C. & M.  
John H. Bowman, solicitor for com-  
ant.

That's what we hear every day from  
our customers. If you have not been  
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